



4-H Forecast

St. Mary's County
September 2025

HEAD — HEART — HANDS — HEALTH

September 2025

Howdy,

Fall is almost here and the countdown is on! Next week at this time, we will be hot and heavy in 4-H project work at the St. Mary's County Fair!

A few reminders about the Fair:

-The following Indoor Exhibit Divisions will be entered on **Monday, Sept 15th from 4pm - 8pm** - Hobbies, Crafts, Textiles, Canning/Food Preservation, Child Care, Expressive Arts (Photography & Art/Writing), Animal & Vet Science, Environmental Science, Science & Technology, Educational Displays and Promotional Exhibits.

-The following Indoor Exhibits will be entered on **Tuesday, Sept 16th from 4pm - 8pm** - Field & Garden Crops, Plants & Flowers and Food Preparation.

-The following will be entered on **Wednesday, Sept 17th from 12pm - 8pm** - Livestock, Poultry, Eggs & Rabbits.

-Market Livestock Weigh-In will start around 5pm on Wed Sept 17th

-Please double check the rules to see what is required with your Fair Exhibits.

-Please see Kayla Taylor at the Show Ring Announcers Stand, on Wednesday night, for Livestock passes.

-4-H Indoor Exhibits will be released on Sunday, Sept 21st at 6pm or on Monday, Sept 22nd from 6 - 7pm.

I hope everyone has a GREAT Fair that includes positive learning experiences, meeting new people and making memories that will last a lifetime!

Good Luck!

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I Pledge

My **HEAD**

to clearer thinking,

My **HEART**

to greater loyalty

My **HANDS**

to larger service

and

My **HEALTH**

to better living,

for my club,

my community,

my country,

and my

world.





Upcoming Events

2025 St. Mary's County Fair 4-H & Open Class Schedule

Thursday, September 18, 2025

- 6pm – 4-H Dairy Goat Showmanship & Breeding
- 4-H Meat Goat Breeding

Friday, September 19, 2025

- 8am – 4-H Hogs (Showmanship, Market & Breeding)
- 4-H Sheep (Showmanship, Market & Breeding)
- 4-H Beef (Showmanship, Market & Breeding)
- 4-H Meat Goat Showmanship
- 4-H Market Goat

Saturday, September 20, 2025

- 8am – Open Class Hogs
- Open Class Market Goats
- Open Class Market Lambs
- Open Class Beef

Sunday, September 21, 2025

- 9am – Open class Breeding Goat
- Open class Breeding Sheep

2025 4-H Animal Auction Order

5pm—Grand Champion Turkey, Pen of 3 Chickens & Pen of 3 Rabbits

Market Goats—Group #1

Market Steers

Market Hogs—Group #1

Market Lambs

Market Goats—Group #2

Market Hogs—Group #2



Preliminary Testing Confirms Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Anne Arundel County.

To read more, please visit the article at the below link:

<https://news.maryland.gov/mda/bird-flu/2025/09/10/preliminary-testing-confirms-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-in-third-anne-arundel-county-backyard-flock-in-2025/>



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Influenza and Biosecurity: Not Just for the Birds

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a very contagious and often deadly respiratory disease of poultry, such as chickens, turkeys, and geese. It is often spread by wild birds and can make other animals sick too.

You can protect your birds and other animals from HPAI with good biosecurity. Simply put, biosecurity refers to everything people do to keep diseases away from animals, property, and people.



Limit visitors

- Only allow people on farm who need to be there.
- Use only one entrance and exit for the farm.
- Keep a record of all farm visitors.



Keep germs away

- Give visitors disposable shoe covers to wear on the farm.
- Keep a separate pair of boots for use on the farm around your animals.
- Use a footbath with a disinfectant solution (4 ounces of bleach in 1 gallon of water) to clean footwear before entering the farm.
- Spray disinfectant on all vehicle and trailer tires before returning to the farm.
- Don't borrow tools or equipment from other farms.
- Don't use untreated water from ponds or streams.



Avoid mixing species

- Keep other animals and strangers off the property.
- Keep livestock and pets away from birds, including bird feed, litter, or equipment.
- Keep birds out of animal pens and barns.
- Keep all wild animals (including rats and mice) away from bird and livestock areas.



Look out for sick animals

Check animals regularly for the following signs of illness:

- Coughing ("barking"), sneezing, or trouble breathing
- Discharge from eyes or nose
- Difficulty moving, walking, or standing upright
- Lack of appetite
- Severe illness in multiple animals
- Sudden or unexplained deaths



If your animals look sick, take action!

Isolate sick animals and report them to your veterinarian and/or State and Federal animal health officials.

Your veterinarian will determine if your animals might have HPAI. They may contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture or your State Animal Health Official to test your animals.



Learn more about stopping avian Influenza: aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock

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Biosecurity: Please make sure you are following best biosecurity practices while visiting other farms and fairs.



Upcoming Event

This is a great community service opportunity. Let us know if you are able to help out. Youth need to be chaperoned by an adult during the event.

Farmers Feeding St. Mary's



The annual Farmers Feeding St. Mary's County Program will offer free, farm-fresh produce and frozen meat!*

Saturday, September 13
U-Haul Parking Lot
46041 Signature Lane, Lexington Park, MD
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

*While Supplies Last

*The Commissioners of St. Mary's County,
the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services,
the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development,
Feed St. Mary's
and the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
are pleased to offer these valuable community events!*

For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1074, or visit www.stmaryscountymd.gov/aging





MD National 4-H Congress

Congratulations goes to Delia Vallandingham for being chosen as a delegate to represent Maryland at the 2025 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA in November!



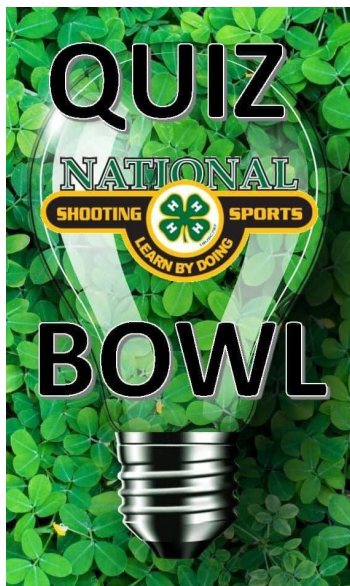
MD 4-H Hippology Team



Congratulations to Ryli Dykstra on making the Maryland 4-H Hippology team! They will be traveling to Louisville, KY in November to compete!



MD National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl



Congratulations Emma Smith for placing 6th at the online National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl!



Come see the University of MD Insect Zoo at the STEAM Festival!



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COME OUT TO SEE THE FREEDOM RIDERS 4-H DRILL TEAM

at the St. Mary's County Fair
Thursday, September 18th
5:30 pm in the Show Arena



St. Mary's County 4-H Open House



November 3, 2025 6pm



Ag. Services Conference Room
26737 Radio Station Way, Suite C
Leonardtown, MD 20650



Come check out 4-H and the different 4-H clubs in
St. Mary's County and what they have to offer.

For more information:





Wild Things 4-H Club—Easter Baskets

Wild Things 4-H Club members put together Easter Baskets for the residents of Taylor Farms Assisted Living. This service learning project strengthened the members Life Skills in all four 4-H areas--Heart, Hands, Health, and Head.

Within the **Heart**, members learned to Care and have concern for others. Within **Hands**, members learned to Give and the importance of volunteering to serve our community. Within **Health**, members learned Being and built character. Within Head, members learned to manage and planned and organized the effort.





Southern Maryland 4-H Livestock Round Up

Over Spring Break, 4-H members from St. Mary's County, Charles County, and Calvert County participated in the **Southern Maryland 4-H Livestock Round Up** hosted by the Wild Things 4-H Club. The event was designed to provide a hands-on educational experience for 4-H members interested in learning about and showing livestock. Over the course of the two days, members learned about nutrition, feeding, and caring for livestock projects. A huge thank you to Matt from Kalmbach Feeds and Amy from Farmers Cooperative Association for teaching the youth about nutrition and feeding; Dr. Herb Yee for teaching the youth about health and veterinary care of livestock; Gabby W. for teaching how to draw blood and how to tube a chocking goat; Sarah C. and Bella V. for teaching daily care, clipping, and how to show sheep; Brooke B. for teaching daily care, and how to show goats and cattle; "W" and Wyatt for teaching daily care and how to show pigs; Minnow for planning and organizing games; Mr. Mast for cooking lunch on day one; Pizza Hotline for delivering pizza on day two. Thank you to St. Mary's County Fair for allowing us to use the fairgrounds.

Thank you to Wild Things Livestock Round Up Planning Committee for coordinating and planning the event: Brooke, "W", Wyatt, Dolly-Mae and Minnow. Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped out over the two days.





Maryland 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Congratulations to all of our members who competed in the State 4-H Public Speaking contest on Saturday at the University of Maryland! Way to Go, Leroy, Peyton, Levi, Delia, Hailey, Emily, Morgan & Logan! Great job representing St. Mary's County!!





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Wild Things 4-H Club Report

February 11, 2025

Submitted By: Brooke Buckler, Club President

The February Meeting was held in conjunction with the Wild Things 4-H Club Achievement Celebration on February 11, 2025 at Nicoletti's Pizza in California, Maryland.

We discussed the upcoming Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon. Members were reminded to complete their enrollment.

The Club members enjoyed appetizers and pizza. The club leaders presented awards to members:

Outstanding Club Member of the 2024 Year: Minnow A.

Outstanding Poultry Member: Minnow A.

Outstanding Sheep Member: Dolly-Mae A.

Outstanding Goat Member: Kinley M.

Outstanding Swine Member: Wyatt M.

Outstanding Beef Member: Brooke B.

New regular members for 2025 were recognized and presented with Pig Whips to get them started with their first 4-H projects. New members are Pierce H. and Joey H.



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Wild Things 4-H Club Report

March 11, 2025

Submitted By: Brooke Buckler, Club President

The March Meeting was held on March 11, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President, Brooke Buckler. The members completed a feed identification activity prior to the start of the business meeting. At the conclusion of the meetings, the feeds were reviewed and discussed with the members.

The Club Livestock Round Up Committee provided an update on plans for the Southern Maryland 4-H Livestock Round Up being hosted by the Wild Things 4-H Club. The Livestock Round is being held on April 16-17 at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. We will have guest speakers on nutrition and feeds and a guest speaker on livestock emergencies needing a veterinarian. We will have cattle, goats and sheep for the participants to work with at the workshop. We are still working on finding pigs.

We discussed our April Community Service project. Due to the Foster Care meeting schedule, we changed our April project to Easter Baskets for the residents of Taylor Farms Assisted Living. Each member was asked to bring items for the baskets to our April meeting. We are planning to put together Back To School Backpacks for Foster care in July.

We discussed possible community service projects for May. The club agreed to volunteer to help with the Veterans on the Farm event being held at Suttler Post on May 10th. The club will help setup and prepare for the event.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed snacks.



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Wild Things 4-H Club Report

April 8, 2025

Submitted By: Brooke Buckler, Club President

The April Meeting was held on April 8, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President, Brooke Buckler.

The Club Livestock Round Up Committee provided the final update on plans for the Southern Maryland 4-H Livestock Round Up being hosted by the Wild Things 4-H Club. We have two pigs for the workshop.

The club participated in Maryland Ag Literacy Week. Club members read the book *The Soil in Jackie's Garden* to two classes of third grade students at Lexington Park Elementary. We also took two Boer goats to the school and talked to the third grade students about the goats.

Everyone was reminded of our May Community Service Project. Setup for the event will start around 8:30am. Members volunteering to help with the Veterans on the Farm event being held at Suttler Post on May 10th were asked to report around 8:30am.

We discussed the St. Mary's County 4-H Achievement Banquet. The food was delicious. The banquet was a little long. Several of our club members received awards.

The club is planning to have a Craft Day in June or July. We are also planning to have Resin Workshop. Tonya Taylor of Brackish Tides will be teaching the workshop. We discussed have a 4-Her Helping 4-Her clipping event for goats and sheep as well as having a Midway thorough the market project weigh in opportunity so that 4-Hers in the county can get a weight on their animals. We will continue to plan these at our May Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed snacks.



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Wild Things 4-H Club Report

May 13, 2025

Submitted By: Brooke Buckler, Club President

The May Meeting was held on May 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President, Brooke Buckler.

The Club Livestock Round Up Committee discussed the Livestock Round Up. Overall, the event went well. Participation from other clubs was low. Feedback from the participants was positive. The Club will likely hold another Livestock Round Up in 2025.

The Club will take a field trip on May 31, 2025 to see a jackpot show being held at Queen Anne County 4-H Park. The purpose of the field trip is to observe other showman and their techniques in the showering.

The club Craft Day will be held on August 9th. Tonya Taylor of Brackish Tides will be teaching a resin workshop as part of our craft day.

We further discussed having a 4-Her Helping 4-Her clipping event for goats and sheep as well as having a Mid-way thorough the market project weigh in opportunity so that 4-Hers in the county can get a weight on their animals. We will continue to plan these at our June Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed snacks.



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Wild Things 4-H Club Report

June 10, 2025

Submitted By: Brooke Buckler, Club President

The June Meeting was held on June 10, 2025 at Suttler Post Farm. The meeting was called to order by President, Brooke Buckler.

The club discussed changes to 4-H fair classes discussed and agreed upon by the St. Mary's County Fair Board and the St. Mary's County 4-H Office. The club also discussed whether to participate in the Booth, Banner, and Float classes at the fair.

The club will have a Let's Bake Workshop this year. We are seeking to use the Leonardtown Baptist Church facilities again. The club will also plan a Livestock Skillathon event for August or October. The Livestock Skillathon Event will be held at the Belmont in Clements.

We further discussed the mid-way thorough the market project weigh in opportunity so that 4-Hers in the county can get a weight on their animals. Following discussions regarding use of the fairgrounds, the Club is seeking an alternate location for the event.

In conjunction with the June Club meeting, the Club held a Driving Workshop. Brooke Buckler explained all the tack and how to tack the team. The club members took turns riding in the cart with Brooke to work the horses for the show season.



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Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report

January 17, 2025

Submitted By: Olivia Faunce

The first Tudor Hall 4-H meeting for the year was held on Jan 17, 2025, in Tolerance Hall at St. Mary's Fairgrounds. The meeting started at 7:17pm.

We started a Community Service Project making sock cupcakes for the Nursing Home. The Pledge was led by Trenton Ridgell and the 4-H pledge was led by Ernest Kershaw. Roll call was taken by stating name and what 1 thing you like. The last meeting minutes were read by Madison Arcadipane. The treasurer's report was given by Delia Vallandigham. Leroy Kershaw gave a demo on making Dirt Pudding.

Old business was discussed: Holiday Workshop was held at the 4-H building conference room. 11 4-H members attended. We asked the Members that attended what their favorite thing they made was. The Lego Holiday countdown winner was Leroy Kershaw. We were invited to a Gingerbread house workshop, 2 members attended, and Madalyn Russell won the T-shirt contest. Steer weigh in was attended by 3 members.

New business was discussed: Officers training is to be held Jan. 18th at 10am in the Tolerance Hall. Livestock Knowledge workshops will begin Jan. 27th from 6-8pm. March 1st will be the Md State Livestock Skillathon. Crazy Critters 4-H club will be holding a yard sale at Mt. Zion church. Rabbit workshops will be held this year, date and time to be determined. Delia Vallandigham was admitted to the MD 4-H State Council.

Our next club meeting will be held on Feb. 21st. It was voted on to pass out valentines or to have a club party. The party idea won the vote. A signup will be sent out to bring a dish. Record books were turned in tonight or the deadline is Sunday, the last will be Mon. Jan. 27th. It was announced that Tractor Supply in Char. Hall will have another festival in March. Volunteer Don Burroughs brought Napa antique truck & tractor calendars to pass out. The meeting ended at 8:05



Tudor Hall's Valentine Sock Cupcakes for Discovery Commons Assisted Living Center & making dirt cups as a snack!





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Tudor Hall 4-H Club's
Valentine Party!



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Illustrated Talks & Demonstrations at Tudor Hall 4-H Club's meeting.



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South County Patriots 4-H Club Report

February 23, 2025

Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

South County Patriots was held on February 23, 2025 at 2 pm at the Ridge Firehouse. The meeting was called to order by Savannah Pierce, Vice President, at 2:05 pm. Roll call was answered by 6 members. Members stated their name and answered the question, "What do you want to accomplish this year"? Emma Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Savannah Pierce led the 4-H Pledge. The Treasurer's report was read to let the club know how much funding is available for expenditure.

Old Business:

- Diamond Clover forms are due 15 March 2025. All forms have been submitted to 4-H office.
- Fundraiser- the quarter auction fundraiser is scheduled for 09 March 2025 at the Fairgrounds. All club members who would like to use the funds raised for their camp fees need to attend the fundraiser and help. Set up will be completed the night before and everyone should be at the fairgrounds no later than 1000 so that all last minute items are completed by 1100. Jobs will be Paddles/Quarter/50/50 Table – Savannah, Emma, Josi, Kayla; Concessions – Bruce, Callie, Annabelle, Garrett; Brown Bag – Waylon.
- Enrollment- all but one club member has been enrolled (that member not present today) and have selected their projects for the year. Heather Pierce reminded everyone that if they want to make any changes to the projects they chose, they should do that soon so they have enough time to complete all the requirements but not later than June.
- 4-H Banquet- Emma Smith and Savannah Pierce have signed up to work the registration table, Garrett Shaw will be removed as a greeter, but Waylon Starling will step in and replace him, and Kayla Wilson as a 50/50 ticket seller. RSVPs are due to the 4-H office by 28 Feb 2025. Heather Pierce will send in one RSVP and check for the whole club since the club voted to pay for the parents using club funds.

New Business:

- Diamond Clover Level 6 is due by September 2025 for next year for anyone interested.
- Camp Counselors are needed for overnight camp, day camp, and engineering camp. Current camp counselor training is required.
- Heather Pierce reviewed some of the upcoming animal sciences events. Broiler Chick project may not happen in 2025 due to Avian flu. She also mentioned that the public speaking workshop and contest are still TBD at the moment.
- There will be no meeting in March, we will attend the club fundraiser and 4-H banquet instead. Our next club meeting will be 27 April 2025 at the Ridge Firehouse.

Savannah Pierce moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:23 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried.

After the meeting, the club had snacks and Emma Smith completed a craft demonstration called Bubble Wrap Paint Craft. Painting was done on bubble wrap and then transferred to black card stock to make shapes like flowers, turtles, etc.



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South County Patriots 4-H Club Report

March 15, 2025

Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

South County Patriots members and parents attended the 2024 4-H Banquet in lieu of a meeting for March. At the banquet, two club members volunteered at the registration table, one as a greeter, and one selling 50/50 tickets. Club members were recognized for many awards this year to include Diamond Clover, multiple fair department trophies and fair special contest trophies, Shooting Sports awards, Record Books, Project Pins, and nominations for the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor award, 4-H Spirit Award and the Outstanding 4-H'er of the Year award.

We also had our club fundraiser on March 9, 2025 and we were able to raise enough money for each club member to have funds to use for their camps this coming year. Club members helped with set up and tear down and worked at the various stations at the quarter auction selling paddles, quarters, 50/50 tickets, brown bag tickets, and the concession stand.





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South County Patriots 4-H Club Report

April 27, 2025

Submitted By: Emma Smith

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on April 27, 2025, in Ridge, MD. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson at 2:06 pm. Roll call was answered by 6 members. Members stated their name and answered the question, "What was your favorite thing about spring?" Savannah Pierce led the 4-H Pledge and Kayla Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bruce Wilson read the treasurer's report to provide members with information on how much funding the club has in their bank account, how much is set aside for camp funds, and what is available for expenditure for club expenses.

Club Business

- Club Camp-Out – the club discussed the upcoming camp out event on May 17th. Same as the last couple years, we will not actually stay overnight, we'll do activities all day and then go home when it's time for bed or whenever everyone has had enough fun for the day. Everyone needs to be ready to do demonstrations and this is a great time to complete demos that are messier or more time consuming.
- Enrollment- any club members who want to add or delete projects need to let the 4-H office know by June.
- 4-H Banquet – We talked about ways that could make the 4-H banquet better in certain aspects.
- We talked about fair updates for livestock rules and put out a reminder that livestock entries in the fair need a paper form as well as the Blue Ribbon entry.
- Camps- Engineering Camp is May 2nd- 4th. 3 members are attending. 4-H Day Camp is still TBD. Overnight Camp is July 6th- 11th. Very few can attend with these chosen dates. 4-H office is looking for adult and teen volunteers for all camps.
- Broiler Chick project is still TBD.
- Everyone needs to ensure they are working on their diamond clover activities per their signed plans.
- Next meeting was moved back to the original date of June 29, 2025.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 3:23 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried.

Emma Smith did her leadership demo by teaching everyone the "Okay, Genius..." game and leading everyone in the activity. The club had snacks together and talked a while before leaving.



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South County Patriots 4-H Club Report

May 17, 2025

Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on May 17, 2025, in Ridge, MD. This was our all-day event that we do once a year. In the past, it was an overnight camp-out but the last few years we've ended in the evening so that it's not as difficult to set-up and tear-down. Kayla Wilson, Club President, called the meeting to order at 12:28 pm. Roll call was answered by 6 members. The question answered was "What is your favorite TV show?" Kayla Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bruce Wilson led the 4-H Pledge.

Bruce Wilson read the treasurer's report to provide members with information on how much funding the club has in their bank account, how much is set aside for camp funds, and what is available for expenditure for club expenses.

Club Business

- Two club members have moved from the area and another will be leaving the club because of that. All have activity funds remaining from the last two fundraisers. Kayla made a motion to split their funds evenly between all remaining members of the club. Bruce seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion carried unanimously.
- County Fair- the fair book is available, everyone should have received via email and can start choosing their fair entries they would like to submit. Kayla made a motion to not make a club booth or banner for the fair this year. Bruce seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion carried unanimously.
- For those with multiple projects, ensure you have planned for when you will complete any that you do not present today. For those who plan to demonstrate using a poster board or display, it would make sense to complete at the June or August meeting so that the board can also be entered in the fair. If not, you have until December to present.
- A discussion on the future of the club. With so little members remaining, Heather asked if everyone would like to continue on or disband and join other existing clubs. All present voiced they would like to continue participating in this club.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 12:52pm. Motion seconded by Bruce Wilson and carried.

After the business meeting ended club members spent the rest of the day participating in demonstrations for their projects, eating snacks and spending time together.

Demonstrations were presented by the following club members:

- Savannah Pierce- How to make a wood slice bird ornament. This demo taught club members how to assemble the ornament with wood slices, glue, rocks, and decorations like moss and sticks. Savannah provided example pictures and verbal instructions on how to paint a rock to look like a bird and use decorations to resemble a perch and each club member and some parents made their own.

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May 17, 2025

Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

- Savannah Pierce – How to plant and care for parsley. This demo taught the club how to plant parsley seeds, how to care for parsley once it's grown, how to preserve it through drying or freezing, and how to enter it in the fair in the fresh and/or dried herb sections. After the demo club members went outside to plant their own parsley seeds to take home and try to grow for the fair.
- Emma Smith- Archery Rules & Parts of Bow/Arrow. This demo taught club members about the archery rules and the different parts of bow and arrows. Emma used a visual display to talk about the rules and brought her archery equipment to show the club what the different parts of a bow and arrow look like.
- Savannah Pierce – Volleyball Skills. This demo taught club members the skills required in volleyball and the rules of the game. Club members practiced skills like serving, setting, and bumping and split into two teams to play a makeshift game.
- Emma Smith – How to draw a realistic animal eye. This demo showed club members some tricks for how to draw and shade to make a more realistic animal eye. Club members were given materials to practice making their own animal eye.
- Kayla Wilson – How to grill burgers. This demo taught club members how to prepare and cook burgers on the grill. Kayla discussed the proper handling of beef and the correct temperature to cook it to. Club members were each given their own gloves, plates, spices, and balls of ground beef so they could make their own burgers to cook on the grill. Once all the burgers were cooked, everyone ate dinner.
- Emma Smith- How to make fruit skewers with fruit dip. This demo taught club members how to make a healthy dessert of fruit skewers with cream cheese and yogurt dip. Club members were given their own skewers and fruits to make their dessert.





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South County Patriots 4-H Club Report

June 29, 2025

Submitted By: Emma Smith

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on June 29, 2025, in Ridge, MD. Savannah Pierce, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:11 pm. Roll call was answered by 3 members and answered the question "What is something you are looking forward to this summer?" Savannah Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance and Josi Stewart led the 4-H Pledge.

Heather Pierce read the treasurer's report to provide members with information on how much funding the club has in their bank account, how much is set aside for camp funds, and what is available for expenditure for club expenses.

Club Business

- Please review 4-H projects to ensure no changes are required. Only a few more days before no further changes can be made.
- Ensure everyone is keeping up with Diamond Clover Plans.
- The club pool party is scheduled for August 16, 2025. Bring a side or dessert to share.
- 2025 overnight camp is planned for 6-11 July. Currently no one can attend due to previously planned commitments.
- Adventure Days (Day Camp) - office still waiting to hear back from fairgrounds to schedule date.
- The end of the 4-H fiscal year is June 30, 2025. Financial reports/end of year paperwork is due in August.
- Only a few club meetings left for those who need to plan for demonstrations.

Savannah Pierce did her leadership demonstration. She provided materials to do a "Marshmallow Challenge" which involved splitting into teams and using those materials to build the tallest free standing structure possible in 18 minutes with the marshmallow on top. Since there were only 3 club members present today, the teams were the 3 teens versus the 3 adults and it was a fun challenge. Afterwards, she provided information on the leadership skills that are required for this type of team activity and how they apply.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm



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South County Patriots 4-H Club Report

August 16, 2025

Submitted By: Emma Smith

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on August 16, 2025, in Lexington Park, MD. The meeting was called to order by Savannah Pierce, Vice President, at 11:12am. The meeting opened with the pledges. Savannah Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance and Emma Smith led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by 5 members. Garrett Shaw led an ice breaker activity and the question answered was "What is your favorite kind of pool float?"

Bruce Wilson read the treasurer's report to provide members with information on how much funding the club has in their bank account, how much is set aside for camp funds, and what is available for expenditure for club expenses.

Club Business

- Club Tee Shirts. Smaller sizes were ordered and those that need them can get them from Heather Pierce.
- Fair- Heather reminded everyone that fair entries in Blue Ribbon Online will be due 31 August. It is important that everyone thinks through what they might finish between now and then since you shouldn't try to add categories after the enrollment has closed. Heather informed everyone that entry days had changed, and it was important for everyone to read the fair book carefully and ensure you are following the updated entry schedule. Heather reminded everyone to sign up for the contests like photography, horticulture, and the public speaking demonstrations if they think they will want to participate in those during the fair. This year you can only enroll in two public speaking categories: 1 individual and 1 team. The cake auction will be on Sept 20th at 6:30pm. Emma and Savannah will be making the cakes for the club. The club will serve as building monitors on Friday at the fair from 3-6pm.
- The next 4-H achievement banquet is scheduled for March 21, 2026.

With Kayla going to college this week, today was her official last day. Club members concurred with Savannah moving up formally to President and Emma Vice President.

Josephine Stewart completed a demonstration on how to draw a mouse. She explained the steps and handed out drawing paper and pencils for club members to try to follow along.

Emma Smith made a motion to end the business meeting, and it was seconded by Josi Stewart. The meeting was closed at 11:32 am.

Once the meeting ended, club members decorated lampshades to enter in the fair and participated in the annual potluck pool party.



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January 5, 2025

Submitted By: Mandy Walters

Meeting: January 5, 2025, 3:00 @ Mandy's House

- Club went through agenda.
- Discussed routing for 2025. Agreed to cut down routine to 15-20 minutes. They would like to incorporate the split wagon wheel but they do not want to do the full wagon wheel and slash mark
- Voted YES to having club pay for meeting refreshments instead of parents providing all of the food.
- Fundraiser ideas The kids really liked the yard sale we did in 2023. Ebby was going to check and see if the church yard sale was happening again in February as our first fundraiser of the year. The kids would like to raise money for new drill team items such as saddle pads.
- Kids wanted to do more crafts. Horseshoe dream catcher will be done at the February meeting. At another meeting leaders will coordinate stall signs for the kids horses.



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February 2025 Crazy Critters 4-H Club NEWS

Our club held a Yard Sale Fundraiser at Mt. Zion Church, Saturday, February 8th. We wanted to raise funds for new drill team saddle pads. Everyone worked hard and we were able to raise enough funds for new saddle pads and additional funds to put in the club account. Most importantly we had a great time!





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DRILL TEAM SEASON HAS STARTED!
Friday night weekly practices started March 14th at Oakridge Park. This year we will have a new routine and songs. The kids are excited to perform at the fair.

Our returning drill team members:
Kendall Bell, Adriana Costello, Ava Eagan, Malayna Ellis, Carley Roberson, Karlee Schroth, Jenna Stallard, Charlotte Walters.

Our new drill team members: Baylee Hill and LJ Perry

